

YESTERYEAR'S MARVEL

This Trench Digger Drew Crowds, Back About 1900

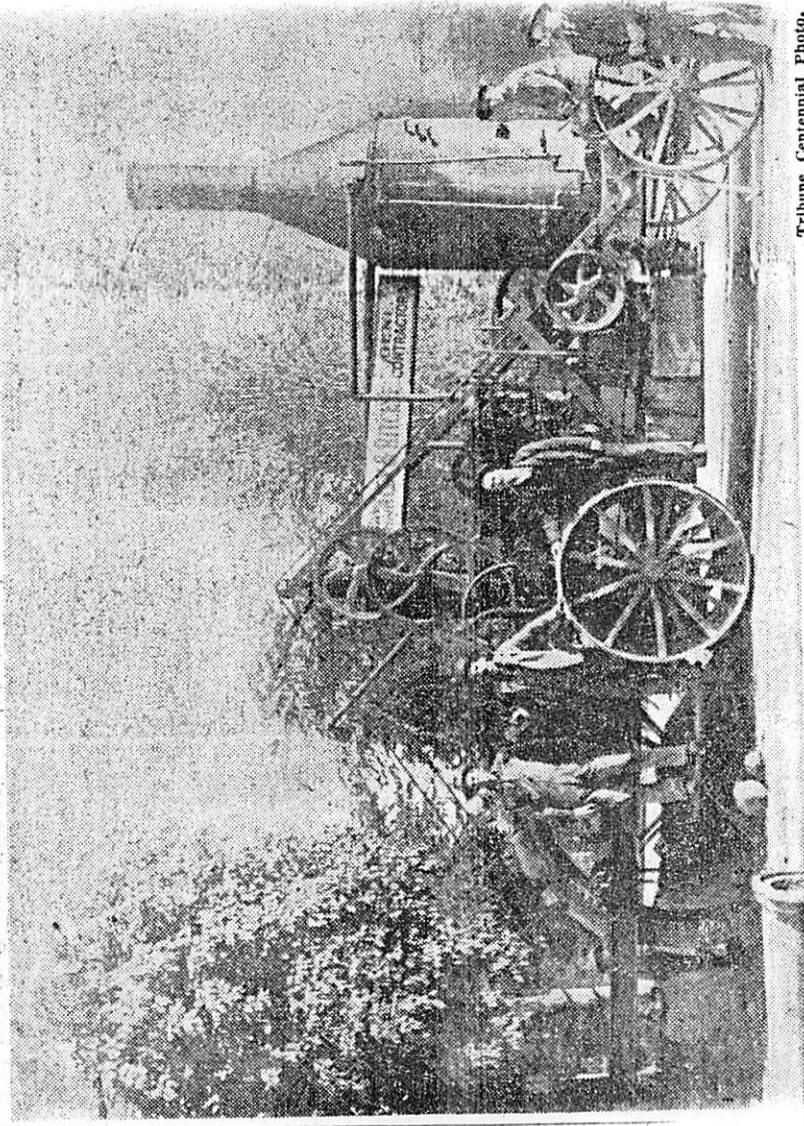
Mechanical marvels which only yesteryear drew admiration and wonder are hardly noticed these days when machines do everything from milking cows and flying airplanes to curling milady's hair and making connections for telephone calls.

With a full head of steam the "wheeled monster" in today's Centennial contest photo could pour power into gears and levers and wheels with an intensity that must have made so much noise that attention was never lacking.

This was a trench digger used around 1900 when gas lines were being installed in parts of Salt Lake City. Some who remember it say a day's work was about one

block of trench four feet deep and two feet wide.

Almost indistinguishable but undeniably present is a pick, leaning against a front wheel. There must have been times when manual effort had to help out the big digger. The picture was contributed by Mrs. Lon S. Butcher, 955 N. 14th West, who said those shown are (left to right) Stevens Adams, Jim Brently, J. W. Goddard, city water works inspector; Lon S. Butcher, fireman, and Des Butcher.



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